

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the section entitled Cross reference to Related Applications, as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is related, and cross-reference may be made to the following co-pending U.S. patent applications filed on even date herewith, each assigned to the assignee hereof, and each incorporated herein by reference:

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U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/801,407 _____ to Baskey et al. for INTER-PARTITION MESSAGE PASSING METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR THROUGHPUT MEASUREMENT IN A PARTITIONED PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT (~~Attorney Docket Number POU92000-0200US1~~);

U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/802,185 _____ to Baskey et al. for INTER-PARTITION MESSAGE PASSING METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A SHARED I/O DRIVER (~~Attorney Docket Number POU92000-0201US1~~); and

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U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/801,492 _____ to Baskey et al. for INTER-PARTITION MESSAGE PASSING METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A SECURITY SERVER IN A PARTITIONED PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT (~~Attorney Docket Number POU92001-0012US1~~).

devise data processing solutions that address these needs for extended connectivity for the enterprise data center.

Background information related to subject matter in this specification includes: U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/183961, *now US Patent No. 6,249,769*
 "COMPUTATIONAL WORKLOAD-BASED HARDWARE SIZER METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCT" Ruffin et al. which describes analyzing the activity of a computer system; U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/584276, *now abandoned*
 "INTER-PARTITION SHARED MEMORY METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A PARTITIONED PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT" Temple et al. which describes shared memory between logical partitions; U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/253246, *now US Patent No. 6,517,350* "A METHOD OF PROVIDING DIRECT DATA PROCESSING ACCESS USING QUEUED DIRECT INPUT-OUTPUT DEVICE" Baskey et al which describes high bandwidth integrated adapters; U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/583501, *now abandoned* "Heterogeneous Client Server Method, System and Program Product For A Partitioned Processing Environment" Temple et al. which describes partitioning two different client servers in a system; IBM document SG24-5326-00 "OS/390 Workload Manager Implementation and Exploitation" ISBN: 0738413070 which describes managing workload of multiple partitions; and IBM document SA22-7201-06 ESA/390 Principles of Operation which describes the ESA/390 Instruction set architecture. These documents are incorporated herein by reference.

Initially, the need to supply an integrated system which simultaneously provides processing support for various applications which may have operational interdependencies, has led to an expansion in the market for partitioned multiprocessing systems. Once the sole province of the mainframe computer (such as the IBM S/390 system), these partitioned systems, which provide the capability to support multiple operating system images within a single physical computing system, have become .